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11. (SBU) Pol/C met with MFA West Asia and Africa Department Deputy Director General Duong Huynh Lap February 14 to deliver reftel points. Lap described Vietnam's relations with the Palestinian Authority and President Abbas as "very good." Since the PLO established an office in Hanoi in 1976, Vietnam has enjoyed a "traditional relationship" with Palestine. Vietnam supports the Palestinian cause, including self-determination and the right to establish an independent state. At the same time, Vietnam urges all parties to resolve their issues peacefully, believes that Israel's right to exist must be respected and recognized and supports the Roadmap and the Quartet's efforts.

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